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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECTS: WESTERN STATE TOWN PLANNING

REF: STATE 226391 AND PREVIOUS

1.SUMMARY: ANSWERS TO REFTEL'S QUESTIONS ARE:

A) THERE IS A TIMETABLE FOR SUBMISSION, B) REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS WERE SENT TO SELECTED FIRMS; AND C) CONSULATE BELIEVES PROJECTS REALLY ARE OPEN TO U.S. PLANNERS AND FIRMS AT ALL STAGES: CONSULTANCY, PLANNING AND EXECUTION.

2. REF QUESTION A, IBADAN TOWN PLANNING AUTHORITY AND WESTERN STATE PROJECTS DO HAVE SPECIFIC TIMETABLES NOT RELEASED TO CONSULATE BECAUSE FINAL APPROVAL DEPENDS ON PRIORITIES OF NEW GOVERNMENT. SOME PLANS ARE BEING REVIEWED BUT MOST PHASING WILL REMAIN SAME AS IN JUST PUBLISHED 3RD DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF WESTERN STATE AVAILABLE FOR NAIRA (\$1.65) FROM WESTERN STATE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, SECRETARIAT, IBADAN. NONETHELESS, SEPTEMBER 30 IS DEADLINE SET BY MINISTRY OF LANDS AND HOUSING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST. CONSULATE RECOMMENDS WILLIS AND ASSOCIATES, DEMETRIOUS, E-E TEC, GILBERT ASSOCIATES AND ANY OTHERS INTERESTED CABLE IMMEDIATELY TO MR. S.O. TOKUN, CHAIRMAN, IBADAN AREA PLANNING AUTHORITY, IBADAN, SIMPLY TO GET FOOT IN BEFORE DEADLINE. FOR SEPTEMBER 30 DEADLINE, THREE PROJECTS ARE MENTIONED FOR CONSULTANCY FIRMS:

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1. PREPARATION OF PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

FOR WESTERN STATE (UNI HAS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST FINANCIALLY).

2. PREPARATION OF PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

PLANS FOR WESTERN STATE TOWNS: INCLUDING LAYOUT FOR SHOPPING CENTERS, IBADAN, ABEOKUTA, ILE-IFE, SHAGAMU, OGBOMOSHO, ONLE, AKURE, ADO-EKITI, OWO, OYO, OTTA-IFE COMPLEX, IJEBU-ODE, ILESHA.

3. RESETTLEMENT OF 5 GROUPS OR VILLAGES.

INTERESTED PARTIES MAY EXPRESS INTEREST IN ONE OR ALL OF PROJECTS. TOKUN SAYS DETERMINATION WILL BE MADE ON ESTIMATE OF CONSULTANT'S PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE AND PROJECTS, STAFF EXPERTISE, AND FINANCIAL CAPABILITIES. AMERICAN FIRMS WOULD BE COMPETING WITH NIGERIAN, BRITISH, SWEDISH AND POSSIBLY GERMAN FIRMS.

3. REF QUESTION B. CONSULATE HAS BEEN ADDED AS 23RD NAME ON LIST OF INTERESTED PARTIES AND WILL BE NOTIFIED ON ALL FUTURE PROJECTS. CONSULATE WILL USE NORMAL CHANNELS OF STATE AND COMMERCE TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION.

4. REF QUESTION C ABOVE, WHILE THOSE FIRMS WITH PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN NIGERIA AND INCORPORATED IN NIGERIA OR WITH PARTNERS IN NIGERIA STAND A DECIDEDLY BETTER CHANCE, IF PRIOR PERFORMANCE GOOD, THE DOOR IS BY NO MEANS CLOSED TO AMERICAN FIRMS. OFFICIALS INCLUDING TOKUN EXPRESS DEFINITE INTEREST IN GETTING PROPOSALS FROM AMERICAN FIRMS. FYI: TOKUN SPENT ACADEMIC YEAR 1970-71 AT MIT IN GRADUATE SEMINAR WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF 12 OTHER COUNTRIES. TOKUN IMPRESSED WITH AMERICAN ABILITIES.

5. CONSULATE WILLING TO PASS INTERESTED PARTY TELEGRAM TO MR. TOKUN IN VIEW OF LATENESS AND QUESTIONABLE RELIABILITY OF LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST WHICH ARE TWO OR THREE DAYS LATE MAY STILL BE CONSIDERED BUT EARLIEST SUBMISSION IS RECOMMENDED.

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6. FYI: PROJECTS NOT YET DECIDED INCLUDE OJABA SHOPPING CENTER COMPLEX IN CENTRAL IBADAN INVOLVING RESETTLEMENT OF RESIDENTS AND WIDENING OF ROADS AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROADS IN AND AROUND IBADAN. BARR

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